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GREENGASUSA, MERCEDES-BENZ, MCCALL FARMS EXPAND CARBON-FRIENDLY COMMITMENT IN SC

RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS PROJECT IS FIRST IN THE STATE

BY SCDA

Local and international companies in South Carolina are working together to directly reduce greenhouse gas emissions – a model for industry-led climate solutions.

The Mercedes-Benz Vans plant in Ladson, South Carolina, is now using renewable natural gas (RNG) converted by Charleston-based GreenGasUSA from methane captured at the McCall Farms commercial vegetable cannery in Effingham, South Carolina.

GreenGasUSA installed equipment last year at McCall Farms to capture the methane from its Wastewater Treatment Facility and convert it to RNG.

Through GreenGasUSA’s partnership with Carolina Gas Transmission (CGT), a BHE GT&S subsidiary, the renewable natural gas is then transported from Florence County to a GreenGasUSA RNG hub in Georgetown County, where it is injected into existing pipelines and made available to GreenGasUSA’s clients in and outside the state.

GreenGasUSA is a leading provider of renewable energy solutions by helping farmers, food processors and industrial manufacturers capture greenhouse gas emissions from their operations. Through wastewater optimization and anaerobic digestion, GreenGasUSA converts waste streams into Renewable Natural Gas (RNG). GreenGasUSA’s RNG is used by its customers as a zero and negative carbon fuel source to offset and reduce fossil fuel consumption.

“Connecting local agriculture with global industries on the basis of shared values around sustainable business practices is at the heart of our values and mission,” said GreenGasUSA owner Marc Fetten. “We appreciate Mercedes’ support of South Carolina agriculture through its commitment to carbon neutral energy solutions from McCall Farms.”



“Mercedes-Benz Vans is committed to continuously improving our environmental footprint,” said Axel Bense, President and CEO of Mercedes-Benz Vans, LLC. “The use of this renewable natural gas is one more element that will help us to further reduce carbon emissions from our plant. Sustainability is a key pillar for the future of our production operations in Charleston as we strive to create positive contributions for our local community.”

McCall Farms, a family-owned business established in the 1950s, produces Southern-style canned vegetables. McCall Farms sources nearly 700 million pounds of produce annually from farmers in the region, supporting local agriculture and helping make agribusiness the state’s No. 1 industry. Through its work with GreenGasUSA, the storied food business has entered a new era of climate-responsible operations.

“We are very proud to be a part of such an environmentally friendly project that helps like-minded entities achieve their reduced emissions expectations,” said McCall Swink, co-president of McCall Farms. “McCall Farms strives to promote sustainable industry practices that benefit our local communities, our state and our planet.”

South Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers, a champion of GreenGasUSA’s work to capture emissions from agribusiness, applauded the project.

“These companies are leading the way in reducing environmental impacts and achieving carbon emission reductions – and they’re strengthening South Carolina’s food and agriculture industry while doing so,” said Commissioner Weathers. “This innovative project shows us the path to a more sustainable future.”

COMMISSIONER’S CORNER

HUGH E. WEATHERS

SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE



SPRING IS IN THE AIR

With the recent extended stretch of warm weather, it now truly feels like spring in South Carolina. Harvest is year-round in the Palmetto State, to be sure. But there’s just something about this time of year, when the weather is extra nice, the days are getting longer, and the tractors are out in the fields. It’s a beautiful state we get to live in.

Planting of row crops for the fall harvest is well underway. South Carolina farmers have almost finished planting the year’s corn crop, and a lot of corn has emerged. Cotton and peanut planting have begun. Those high fuel, fertilizer and other input costs have dampened enthusiasm slightly, but we’re pushing forward nonetheless.

As for fruits and vegetables, it looks like we’re in good shape on that front despite that March freeze that had everyone rattled. The strawberries coming to market now are of good quality; yields are slightly lower but we’re going strong. Blueberries are going to be very light at the beginning of the harvest season – until the middle of May. Blueberry harvest should improve by the time late May and June get here. Blackberries and muscadines are looking good.

Summer crops, such as tomatoes and peppers are in the ground. There have been some cold temperatures since planting, slowing growth, but everything is expected to catch up nicely. All our watermelon farmers have finished planting. We’re looking to have a normal crop this year with the season really ramping up after Memorial Day. Nothing says summer like South Carolina watermelon.

As for our famous peaches, we are also anticipating a good year. With the freeze in March, prayers were answered and we will still have those sweeter South Carolina peaches this summer. Volume may be lighter in May due to damage to earlier varieties but the rest of the summer should be back to normal and you can expect to find our tasty South Carolina peaches in good supply.

We work hard to promote buying local through our Certified South Carolina program – but interest in Certified South Carolina goes far beyond the state’s borders. Our department works with produce groups and retailers throughout the region and across the country. They know our farmers grow great produce and they want fresh South Carolina products in stores in their home states. It’s just one more way we’re helping farmers in South Carolina.

Hugh Weathers

UPCOMING EVENTS

North Chester Amateur Rodeo
May 7 • 6 – 11 pm
Pee Wee (12 yrs and younger), youth (13–17 yrs) and adults barrel racing and pole bending. Ladies goat tying, mutton busting (ages 6 yrs and younger), break-away roping, cow dressing \$10. Bull riding \$30. Calf herding for kids free. Jackpot 2/3 entry fee for 3 places-50%,30%,20%. Mutton busting is a trophy class. Admission adults \$10, ages 6–12,\$5, free preschool age and younger.
North Chester Saddle Club Arena
1037 Tickle Hill Road, Chester
Contact: Nancy Stewart
803-374-4451
[facebook.com/NorthChesterRodeo](#)

Agritourism Trends In South Carolina & Beyond
May 12 • 11:30 am – 1 pm
Join the SC Agricultural Council for our spring quarterly meeting. We will be exploring the growing impact of Agritourism in SC and around the world. The agritourism industry not only benefits our farmers with the extra income stream, but also the visiting public who experience ‘farm life’ as the enjoy being in the great outdoors.
Farm Bureau Federation
724 Knox Abbott Drive, Cayce
Contact: Steve Slice
803-360-2845 • [scagriculturalcouncil@gmail.com](#)

Advanced Bee School
May 14 • 2 – 6 pm
This school is meant for beekeepers who would like to learn advanced beekeeping skills. The entire class time will be spent in the hives. Must bring your suits, preferably full suits. Classes are taught by certified, experienced, and commercial beekeepers. \$150.
HoneyStrong
1753 Ebenezer Road, Smyrna
704-993-6833
[honeystrong.com/beeschool](#)
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SC Ag Council Spring Agricultural Tour
May 20 • 6:45 am – 6:30 pm
Whispering Pines Sheep Dairy Farm, LaMaster Dairy Farm at Clemson University, Happy Cow Creamery. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. The deadline to register is Tuesday, May 17, 2022. \$70. Contact us for more information about the Ag Council tour.
Contact: Steve Slice
803-360-2845 • [scagriculturalcouncil@gmail.com](#)



Tips to Get You Started with Small Ruminants
May 21 • 10 am – 3 pm
Perfect for new owners and experienced owners! Agenda: 9:30–10 am: Check In. 10–11 am: Notes from the Farm, Speaker: Debbie Webster, Whispering Pine Farm. 11 am–12 pm: Forage Information that you need to know 101, Speaker: Dr Liliane Silva, Clemson Forages Specialist Lunch and Networking. 1–2 pm: mall Ruminant Basics from a Veterinary Perspective, Speaker: Dr. Patty Scharko/ 2–3 pm: Soil Sampling demonstration in pasture and any last minute questions.
Clemson University Edisto Research
64 Research Street, Blackville
Contact: Clemson University
808-397-9026 • [ncorrea@clemson.edu](#)
[eventbrite.com/e/basics-before-buying-tips-to-get-you-started-with-small-ruminants-tickets-289833187867](#)

Twin Creeks Lavender 3rd Annual U-pick
May 27 • 9 am – 2 pm
Pick fresh lavender bouquets, browse our line of handmade products, snap photos in our fields, or enjoy a picnic. Advanced tickets via Eventbrite are \$5; admission at the gate is \$6. Children under six and adults over 65 may enter for free.
Twin Creeks Lavender
4638 Midway Road, Williamston
864-940-1684
[twincreekslavender.com](#)
[facebook.com/twincreekslavender](#)



SALES & AUCTIONS

Claxton's Auction
May 7 & 14 • 11 am – 5 pm
Special Sale May 15 • 1 pm
Every Saturday. Equine, cows, sheep, goats, pigs, camelots, ratites, poultry, and small animals.
18627 Lowcountry Hwy, Ruffin
Contact: William Claxton
843-909-4285 • [wlcjr@yahoo.com](#)

Tindal Farms Auction
May 14 • 2 pm
Bring poultry & small animals, farm equipment or related items, seller consignments accepted on day of sale.
1407 Fox Tindal Road, Pinewood
Contact: Hal Tindal
803-473-0171

Farm Equipment and Cattle Absolute Auction
May 13 – 14 • 9 am
Day 1: Farm machinery, tractors, trucks, trailers, etc. Day 2: The largest one-owner cattle auction ever offered in SC. Over 500+ head of cattle, cow calf pairs, steer and heifer yearlings, bulls, steel panels, troughs, etc. Mostly Angus with Simmental and Charolais influence. See website for details.
SCAL #3965F
Carsten Farms
2511 N. Williamsburg County Hwy, Cades
Contact: Chuck Easler
843-426-4255 • [blackriverequip@aol.com](#)
[worldnetauctionsive.com](#)

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SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FARMERS MARKET

3483 Charleston Highway
West Columbia, SC 29172
803-737-4664

GREENVILLE STATE FARMERS MARKET

1354 Rutherford Road
Greenville, SC 29609
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8-11" CARP \$12; 1-3" LM Bass, \$75/50; 1-3" BG, \$55/100; 1-3" SC & RB, \$65/100; 3-5" Ch Cat, \$60/100; Mosq, \$40/100 Clay Chappell Richland 803-776-4923

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CATTLE

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JD 4000 tractor, w/KD ldr, \$20,000; both w/canopy, bucket, spear & dual remotes Barry Addison Lee 803-453-5846 AC GRAIN DRILL hyd p-up, G-FWC, \$600 Ricky Taylor Oconee 864-784-4647 466 JD HAY BALER twine & net wrap, GC, \$8000 Christopher Derrick Edgefield 803-480-0465 JD 4430 \$12,500 Robert Turner Orangeburg 803-596-6463 '15 JD 5075 TRACTOR 2 wd, 4500 hrs tractor only, \$7000 Jimmy Forrest Saluda 803-685-7735 HAY TEDDER/RAKE 3ph, PZ 360 Haymaker, GC, FR, \$1550 Sterling Wilson Abbeville 864-378-8327 5' GILL PULVERIZER \$475; 8 disc bush bog harrows, \$325; 1r Gill cult & Cole plntr, \$225 Ansel Burgess Sr Greenville 864-569-7359 '18 MF 4708 TRACTOR 4x4, 715 hrs, 85 hp, GRC, clean, LN, \$49,500 Josh Hudson Horry 843-458-3206 JD 7700 COMBINE \$4000; 918 Flex Hdr finger p-up, \$3500 Glenn Fulmer Aiken 803-645-2831	AC WD45 TRACTOR w/frt manure bucket, \$5000 Thomas Waters Colleton 843-696-6627 NH 644 RND BALER FR, \$8000; Krone 323 10'6" disc mwr, LN, \$8000; 5 whl V rake, \$1500 Bruce Stuart Aiken 803-645-0378 20' FLAT DECK TRL all metal, Tandem axles, loading ramps, tool box w/ chains, \$3850 Jerry Comeaux Spartanburg 864-992-3869 NEWTON GROUCH SPRYR pull type w/hyd booms & pump, foam marker, ball valves, \$10,000 Jeffrey Gilmore Chesterfield 843-517-0315 JD 328 SQ BALER GWC, hyd hitch, \$14,000 Andrew Rice Allendale 803-686-1208 MF 4707 \$35,000; Cat D7 17a, \$25,000; Mahindra 8560 4wd ldr, \$35,000; JD 2840, \$10,000; JD MX 8 BH, \$5500 Ronald McGraw Lancaster 704-547-1832 JD 2010 TRACTOR w/canopy, new rear tires, w/2r cult/plntrs, GC, \$7500; 8'x16' steel trl w/2 ldr pads, more, \$4000 Jimmy Wilson Anderson 864-923-2348 '53 FORD TRACTOR Golden Jubilee, VGC, \$4000 Gordon Bowers Beaufort 843-521-7064 2 GANG DISC PLOW Massey, 3ph, GC, HD, \$575; trl, made from 50's truck, needs tires & work, \$225 Jim Atkinson Pickens 864-506-9050	16' HAY FEEDING TRL hold 3 or 4 rnd bales, LN, made w/2½" metal sq tubing, HD, \$2000 obo Britton McCarter York 704-913-6083 2R BURCH PLNTRS \$400 George Charpia Dorchester 843-873-0784 2 MM AVERY TRACTORS shed kept, need tire repair & cranked, \$2200 Vance Clinkscales Anderson 864-225-6084 COMP SET 2R CULT for D14, D15, D17 AC, \$300 James Pruitt Spartanburg 864-316-0004 1R FERT DISTRIB on cult frame, \$550; 20'L dual axle trl, w/4 tires, \$2000; 7' boom pole, \$175 Franklin Brown Charleston 843-224-4711 50 GAL FUEL TANK w/hand pump on trl, \$700; Gill 5' box blade, 3ph, \$500 Rickie Evans Chester 803-209-2714 2R CULT W/FERT DISTRIB \$500 obo; Gill 6' box/scrape, HD, \$750 obo Otis Hembree Spartanburg 864-316-1222 ZTR-185 DRUM MWR GRC, \$4000 Mary Hartsell Anderson 864-287-2938 HARDEE BOOM MWR LR40142, 38 hrs, LN, \$8500 Danny Hooker Colleton 843-908-0313 MF 240S 45hp w/frt ldr & forklift attach, 1100 hrs, VGC, \$9500 Vance Clinkscales Anderson 864-225-6084	MF MOD 39 2R PLNTR extra plates, GC, \$1500 obo Steve Lanning Oconee 864-710-4898 FA SUPER C \$1500; FA M, \$1500; FA dsl 400 w/hammer mill, \$1200; dump trl, \$700; combine, \$2000 Jack Holbrook Anderson 864-314-1145 FORD 50 HP TRACTOR ERC, FR, 90% rebuilt w/ many extra parts, \$5975; 16' trl, w/radial tires & \$200 lock, \$2175 Tom Kirkley Lancaster 803-246-8195 DRAIN DITCHER Ferguson mod B-11, cutting depth 12", head 18" dia, little use, \$1900 Fletcher Arant Saluda 803-206-3989 '01 JD 9650 STS COMBINE w/16' hdr, 3200 eng hrs/2200 sep hrs, heat/AC, flotation tires, \$44,000 BJ King Anderson 864-940-8994 6' BUSH HOG pull type, some rust, \$200 Edward Klugh Greenwood 864-374-3162 850 MF COMBINE 18' platform hdr, 4r corn hdr, shed kept, all man, parts, 454 row crop w/adptr, \$5500 David Earley Orangeburg 803-534-3689 JD 9986 COTTON PKR 4WD, 888 fan hrs, 2244 eng hrs \$50,000 Terry Jarrell Hampton 803-942-1637 2 JD 50 TRACTORS 1 restored, \$3000; 1 needs restoring, \$1600 Billy Gallman Newberry 803-276-7171	849 NH RND BALER GC, \$2900 Charles Nichols Saluda 864-445-8350 ECONOWRAP BALE WRAPPER LN, 100 bales wrapped, \$3200; NH 256 side delivery rake, \$2000 Lee Clinton York 704-913-6127 NH 488 HAYBINE 9' cut, \$1200; 2ph fits 300-450 FM, \$600; Woods 59 belly mwr for Cub FM, \$750; more Wendell Whelchel Cherokee 864-489-1050 COLE 2R PLNTR \$1500; 1r Cole plntr, \$725; 16' Hardee spryr, 140 gal, 3pt, new pump, EC, \$1750; carry-all, \$75 George Schwab York 803-493-8021 JD 6500 SPRYR w/60' frt fold booms, \$25,000; JD 1700 Max Emerge & 6r vacuum plntr, w/liq fert, more, \$14,500 Joe Phillips Lexington 803-600-2928 BOX BLADE \$350; scrape blade, \$225; landscape rake, \$125; 5' bush hog, \$450; dirt scoop, \$250; more; all 1ph & used Isaac McCaskill Kershaw 803-713-8762 DRUM MWR Tar River 185, new, w/hyd cyl, \$3900 T J Elrod Pickens 864-209-9311 20 BLADE CUTTING DISC 3pt, \$1050; JD offset disc stump jumper, 16 blade, \$1250; 6x8 all steel trl, \$1150 Jack Hurst Chesterfield 843-921-8574
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GOATS / LLAMAS / SHEEP

1 Y/O NUBIAN CROSS M neutered, \$175; 3 m/o Tenn/ Nubian mix kids, \$150 each Lisa Obert Newberry 803-924-7378 100% NZ KIKO BUCK 4 m/o, CDT, FAMACHA, \$450, reg w/NKR not incl Jane Cooper Greenville 843-693-1949	3 BOAR/CROSS BILLIES 8 m/o, \$175 each Stanley Traylor York 803-417-4834 BUCKLINGS Nubian (moonspot) & NGN dwarf, all registerable, \$175-450 Ellen Chassereau Lexington 864-386-7461	(2) M BOER GOATS 6 m/o, \$250; 2 Ngn dwarf bucks, 3 y/o, \$200; 2 m/o, \$175 obo/trade; doelings, \$250 Britton McCarter York 704-913-6083 ADGA REG NUBIAN DOE in milk, \$450 Charles Mclellan Florence 843-992-1002	MIXED BREED GOATS small, 3 males, \$75; female, \$100, call or text Jane Plante Richland 803-609-5266 ¾ BOER ¾ MILK GOATS B-11/27-28/20, billies, \$150 each; nannies, \$200 each Philip Poole Union 864-427-1589	SAVANNAH BILLY 3 y/o, good breeding results in our herd, \$400 obo Doug Tinsley Greenville 864-444-1036 KATAHDIN EWES & RAMS yng, ready for breeding by early fall, \$200+ Sam Rikard Lexington 803-892-2630	NGN DWARF BUCKLINGS weaned, var of colors, \$150 Diana Melton Clarendon 803-464-2992
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HAY & GRAIN

SHED KEPT CB 4x5, \$50; sq, \$6 Larry McCartha Lexington 803-606-2499 '22 RND FESCUE fert & sprayed, \$40/bale, del avail Donald Counts Newberry 803-315-1016 '21 4x5 CB shed stored, \$50; outside stored, \$40; cow hay, \$35; 20 bale min; sq bales, \$7.50, del avail Bobby Zimmerman Lexington 803-317-8681	SQ CB \$6 each; Rye straw, \$4 each, all shed kept Howard McCartha Lexington 803-312-3316 '21 SD ALFALFA dairy qual, 3x4x8, 1600 lbs, \$380 each, cash sales Chris Roux Cherokee 864-906-5471 '22 CUTTING OF SQ FESCUE HQ IN SHED fert & sprayed for weeds, \$6.50 Will Kraft Greenville 864-979-7910	'21 4x5 CB HQ string wrap, stored under tarp on pallets, \$45/bale Mike Roberson Barnwell 803-266-3757 WHEAT STRAW 4x5 net wrap, \$40 each Richard Knight Kershaw 803-427-6440 '21 4'x54' RND HQ CB net wrap, well fert, shed kept, \$65, no del Rickey Meetze Lexington 803-667-0285
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'21 SQ CB \$6; rnd, \$40; all shed kept Clayton Leaphart Lexington 803-892-2642 OATS combine run, \$6/bu bulk Otto Williamson Williamsburg 843-372-2692
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LA COTTONTAILS \$10 each Danny Cook Newberry 803-924-6953 NZ WHITES 8-15 w/o, \$25 each, disc on qty Gene McCarthy Edgefield 803-278-2274 REX yng, \$15 & \$20 each; grown bucks, \$20 each Philip Poole Union 864-427-1589

8 W/O RED NZ KITS pedigreed mother, \$20 each Margaret Jensen Orangeburg 803-274-4401 LA COTTONTAILS \$10 Duman Wicker Newberry 803-537-7222 NZ for pets or raising for meat, \$20 Robert McDonald Calhoun 803-707-1040
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MISCELLANEOUS

<p>PURPLE MARTIN GOURDS lrg, cut & ready to hang, \$2.75 ea; gourd poles, winches up/down, \$389-425 each Stacy Shealy Lexington 803-727-7535</p> <p>WOOD SPLITTER operates w/tractor hyd, \$600 Darnell Miller Aiken 803-507-1926</p> <p>CRIPPEN H-442-R SEED CLEANER parts/restoration, \$300; you p-up Bragg Williams Orangeburg 803-533-8269</p> <p>STEEL GREENHOUSE FRAME 14'x40'x8', end to end shade cloth, heater, Louver fan, must more, \$600 Frances Fogle Lexington 803-331-5598</p> <p>2 HORSE SADDLES 1 cloth & 1 leather, \$250 each; misc tack, \$35+ Paul Kicidis Union 864-429-6112</p> <p>100 EGG CARTONS cardboard, used but LNC, \$200 Sue Grinstead Greenville 864-277-3389</p> <p>8 GAL CONTAINERS empty, held 42lbs of cat litter, w/lids & handles, \$4 each Gina Kenyon Darlington 843-229-6741</p>	<p>BATCH/GRAIN DRYER 125 bu, needs repairs, \$1000 Glenn Risher Dorchester 843-462-7381</p> <p>100 GAL SPRAY TANK frt mount on mounting bracket, off a JD 2440 tractor, \$100 Herman Sanders Berkeley 843-810-3412</p> <p>ECONOMY TRACTOR w/48" belly mower, 14 hp Kohler eng, new blades/ starter, \$1900 James Fowke Aiken 803-341-4873</p> <p>HIGH TENSILE & Red Brand Barb wire, full roll, \$75; fencing supplies, new/used, \$15+; (4) 6-12' gates, \$20-40 Bob Mohr Greenville 864-505-3887</p> <p>PLOW POINTS \$2-10; old hand saws, EC, \$10 each; lrg iron tool box, \$20; more Joe Young Pickens 864-269-4594</p> <p>RADIATOR for JD 6620 combine, \$300 Otto Williamson Williamsburg 843-372-2692</p> <p>HORSE MANURE will load in your truck, \$1/load Aaron Shirey Lexington 803-413-2974</p>	<p>DEHORNERS HD, 48"L, \$400 Robert Turner Orangeburg 803-596-6463</p> <p>CARPENTER BEES TRAPS to catch & dispose of them, sold in lots of 5, \$85 William Timmerman Aiken 803-640-6265</p> <p>ORGANIC WORM CASTINGS FERT 30 lb bags, \$20, bulk sales avail Maryann Little Lexington 803-530-9219</p> <p>CAMPBELL 17" ENG SADDLE endurance, \$625; drag harrow, \$55; drag pan, \$75; both horse drawn Ansel Burgess Sr Greenville 864-569-7359</p> <p>SET OF BOOM ARMS for John Blue Nitro appl, \$75; rear trl hitch for JD sq baler, \$50 William Bullard Spartanburg 864-809-6701</p> <p>HONEYBEE SWARM REMOVAL Richland, Calhoun & Sumter Counties Jim Christmas Sumter 803-920-6440</p> <p>MILLER LEGEND WELDER ac/dc, propane, constant power, \$2000 Russell Goings Union 864-426-2309</p>	<p>DSL WELDER/GEN AC-DC, Miller Bobcat 250D, low hrs, 50' of leads, \$6500 Stanley Taylor Chester 803-789-5236</p> <p>'20 STIHL CHAINSAW 20" bar, mod 2591, \$350 Daniel Senn Lexington 803-730-2871</p> <p>TRUCK STEER TIRES 9.00x20, on open center whls, \$150 each Rickie Evans Chester 803-209-2714</p> <p>6'-35'L CEDAR LUMBER cedar posts, & utility poles, \$1-3/ft James Burns Laurens 864-918-6308</p> <p>2 STIHL WEEDEATERS \$150; 20" push mwr, w/B&S, \$100; CampHaus 20 gal air comp, 120v, EC \$200; more; all obo Otis Hembree Spartanburg 864-316-1222</p> <p>5 HP WATER PUMP new Homelite, \$275; hose, \$75; more George Schwab York 803-493-8021</p> <p>SAND CLAY & TOPSOIL 5 ton load, \$55/sand clay; \$80/topsoil, del w/in 20 mi; rock or sand, \$1.50/mi del David Wannamaker Calhoun 803-682-2117</p>	<p>OLD COMP FARM BELL old, #3/\$350; xl farm bell, w/wheel, comp, \$1200; #20 hash pots, \$200 each; #15, \$150; more Perry Masters Greenville 864-561-4792</p> <p>RND CEDAR POSTS cu to var sizes, 4-10"D, \$6-12 each, depend on size; cut 4x4's,\$2/bdft Douglass Britt McCormick 864-391-3334</p> <p>CS400 18" CHAINSAW w/3 extra chains, oil & 2 air filters, \$175; Top link cat 1, extra-long, \$50 Tom Kirkley Lancaster 803-246-8195</p> <p>TOPSOIL no wood debris, comp clean, qual ¾" screened 40 lb bags, \$6 each Dakota Hollman Lexington 803-687-6382</p> <p>WALK-IN COOLER old, in sections, no compressor or evaporator, \$150 obo Michael Bailey Lancaster 803-288-3108</p> <p>VERT DSL FUEL TANK 10,000 gal, above ground, single wall, FC, \$5000 Kim Carter Bamberg 803-368-3080</p>	<p>16.9x38 TRACTOR TIRE 8-ply rating bkt, new, \$675 Edward Klugh Greenwood 864-374-3162</p> <p>5 GAL BUCKETS clean, \$3 each; 55 gal plastic drums, clean, \$15 each Michael Wise Newberry 803-271-4215</p> <p>55 GAL FG DRUMS metal & plastic, open tops, lids & rings, \$15, \$20, \$25 each; 275 gal port tow tanks, \$50 each Philip Poole Union 864-427-1589</p> <p>AIR DRIED LUMBER 2x4, 2x6, 2x8, 2x10, 2x12-16', 1x4, 1x6, 1x8, 1x10-16', 12'L avail Thomas Jackson Sumter 803-707-1061</p> <p>V BUCKET for Case backhoe, meets all Co & Sate ditching standards, LNC, \$1200 Billy D Gore Horry 843-222-7265</p> <p>USED TRACTOR TIRES (1) 16.938, \$150 each; for veg/flower bed/water troughs, \$20; more Billy Gallman Newberry 803-276-7171</p>
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POULTRY

<p>COCHIN CHICKS & Cochin/Brahman cross, for meat/eggs, good egg layers, \$2-3 Gary Brown York 803-684-0241</p> <p>COTURNIX QUAIL 1-2 d/o chicks, \$1.25 ea or buy 20+, \$1 each; weekly hatchings, call/text before 9 pm Summer Edwards Calhoun 803-308-4529</p> <p>MALLARDS \$5+, depending on size Shane Sease Bamberg 803-824-9124</p>	<p>BOB WHITE QUAIL full grown, flight ready, good for breeders, \$4 each John Reed Sumter 803-464-5757</p> <p>ORPINGTONS choc/\$10+, lavender, \$7+; Turkeys, \$15+; Guineas, \$7+, straight run only Mary-Jane Vivas Edgefield 803-480-1574</p> <p>1 Y/O SPANGLER ROO ½ Gerrand hatch, ¼ Sweater, ¼ Kelso, \$50 Russell Goings Union 864-426-2309</p>	<p>WHT & SILVER KING PIGEONS homers, \$15 each; Asil game chicks, \$8 each William Claxton Colleton 843-909-4285</p> <p>(2) 9 M/O ROOS 1 wht Silkie mixed & 1 blk/ brown Frizzle mixed, \$6 ea Gladys Trower Richland 803-834-4235</p> <p>BABY REDS & COCHIN ROOS healthy, \$1 each Berta Mayer Georgetown 352-212-4039</p>	<p>2 M/O PULLETS Buff Orpington/RR, \$8 Mike Komar Lexington 803-582-8132</p> <p>GAME ROOS 1 y/o, \$10 & \$15 each L Gunter Lexington 803-532-7394</p> <p>BABY CHICKS RIR, Copper Marans, Ameraucanas, Columbia Rocks, \$2.50 each; Guineas, \$5 each Barbara Long Lexington 803-604-7377</p>	<p>BOURBON RED TURKEYS M/F, \$25 each; Bronze chicks, \$10 each Lance Brewington Union 864-426-1103</p> <p>BRONZE TURKEY hatching eggs, \$5 each; poult, \$10 each Dwight Gilliland Saluda 864-941-0958</p> <p>BUFF ORPINGTON RR CHICKS \$3 Eugene Wilson Lexington 803-687-8458</p>	<p>GUINEAS ¼ grown, \$7 each; ½ grown, \$10 each; Game, Warhorse, Flarry eye greys, Hatch, \$30+ Philip Poole Union 864-427-1589</p> <p>FERTILE EGGS Appenzeller Spitzhauben, have 2 roos w/8 hens 100% fertile in incubator, \$20/6 eggs Sally Thomley Anderson 864-367-4062</p>
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PLANTS & FLOWERS

ADS ARE NOT ACCEPTED FROM COMMERCIAL NURSERIES, WHICH ARE DEFINED AS HAVING ANNUAL SALES OF \$5,000.

<p>MEX PETUNIAS pink, purple & wht, 1 gal, \$3 ea; Queen Anne's Lace, \$5 ea; Elephant Ears, \$10-20 ea, no ship Larry Johnson Orangeburg 803-664-4213</p>	<p>ARBORVITAE CUTTINGS emerald green, 2½ y/o, in 2½ gal pots, photos avail, \$20 each Jimmy Broome Union 864-441-8842</p>	<p>MONKEY GRASS aka Liriope, hosta, \$4 each; Iris, Daylily, \$5 each; Hydrangea, Gardenia, \$10 each Woody Ellenburg Pickens 864-855-2565</p>	<p>HOSTA 2 gal container, variegated & blue, may be divided, \$4 Sue Grinstead Greenville 864-277-3389</p>	<p>AMARYLLIS blooming in pots; jumbo Blk Perfect flower, \$20 each Francis Shiver Kershaw 803-669-1979</p>	<p>LEYLAND CYPRESS TREES 2 y/o, 3+"T, you load, \$5 each Elizabeth Gray Greenville 864-735-5553</p>
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WANT - FARM EQUIPMENT

<p>50-100 HP TRACTOR in GC, with/out bucket ldr, dsl preferred David Macijewski Oconee 864-309-9472</p> <p>300 GAL SPRYR PB in GC Talmadge Luker Greenwood 864-456-2253</p> <p>6 OR 8' NOTILL GRAIN DRILL Johnny Martin Anderson 864-561-9544</p>	<p>3PH PINE STRAW RAKE 5' or 6', in GC Marion Mackey Lancaster 803-416-7712</p> <p>FR COMBINE reasonably priced, older models ok & preferred Nick Mosher Marion 912-289-5575</p> <p>3PH CULTPKR 4'-6' Jimmie Holliday Berkeley 321-446-0319</p>
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<p>3PH PTO POTATO DIGGER & plntr, call w/details & price Tommy Anderson Laurens 864-923-0023</p> <p>'49 JD MT Kenny Cain Pickens 864-506-6108</p> <p>ROLL-OVER BAR w/canopy for 3000 Ford tractor Harold Wright Cherokee 864-838-4763</p>
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<p>LDR TO FIT MF 362 & forks/hay spear for frt Warren Moss York 803-242-4683</p> <p>INTL 184 1R PLNTR for FA 140 fast hitch tractor David Shirley Jr Charleston 843-429-0229</p>
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WANT - LIVESTOCK

EACH AD MUST LIST SPECIFIC ANIMALS.

<p>BLACKBELLY SHEEP RAM & Modena pigeons Thomas Waters Colleton 843-696-6627</p> <p>GAITED SADDLE HORSE gentle & safe for pleasure riding Thurman Anderson Spartanburg 864-542-2245</p>	<p>PIGEONS poultry, & sm animals, reasonably priced Lynn Claxton Colleton 843-909-4285</p>
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RIMS (WHEELS)

for Ezee Flow mod 88A
Talmadge Luker
Greenwood
864-456-2253

USED GREENHOUSE

that is operable
Janet Smith
Georgetown
843-833-1135

BLK SMITH ANVIL

& old farm bell, any size;
hand crank corn sheller
L Gunter
Lexington
803-532-7394

CASTOR BEAN SEEDS

Dennis Hoover
Lee
803-428-4426

ANY SIZE WASH POTS

syrup kettle, anvils, lrg
coffee grinder, old lighting
rod w/balls & weathervane,
more
Perry Masters
Greenville
864-561-4792

PULPWOOD SAW TIMBER

hdwd pine, all types of
thinning or clear cut, pay
top prices, Upstate Co's
Tim Morgan
Greenville
864-420-0251

5V CRIMP TIN

no chicken house metal,
free no good farm equip w/
in 20 mi
David Wannamaker
Calhoun
803-682-2117

FIELDS OF LONG LEAF
PINE STRAW

top prices paid, 15 yrs exp
Trey Shull
Lexington
803-318-4263

FERAL SWINE ERADICATION TRAPPING
DEMONSTRATION NETS A LOT OF INTEREST

BY USDA NRCS

The Hampton County Conservation District (SWCD) hosted a hosted a trapping demonstration at Lake Warren State Park in Hampton in March as part of the Feral Swine Eradication and Control Pilot Program (FSCP).

Approximately 138,000 feral pigs roam in South Carolina, causing millions of dollars in economic and ecological impacts on private and public lands. Additionally, feral pigs spread disease to livestock and potentially humans. The program’s goal is to eradicate the invasive animals and to restore natural habitats.

Members of the USDA’s Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and the Hampton, Jasper and Newberry Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the University of Georgia Savannah River Ecology Laboratory , Clemson Cooperative Extension, and South Carolina Department of Natural Resources make up the FSCP partnership. They conduct educational workshops, work on trapping and removing the animals, assess the damage and will assist landowners by providing habitat restoration funding through NRCS.

Austin Jackson, a producer in Aiken County, drove more than 90 minutes to attend the trapping demonstration.

“For us it's one of the largest concerns we have whenever consider which crops to grow,” Jackson said. It's become so much of a problem that we have to rethink about what we're planting, when we're planting it and then what fields we choose to plant it.”

Damage from feral pigs adversely affect production, which in turn causes more problems, Jackson said. It effects crop insurance because it lowers a producer’s Actual Production History (APH). A lower APH limits a farmer’s access to insurance values.

Jackson has built his own makeshift traps, but it is very expensive and labor-intensive. He said he wanted to learn more about trapping and what assistance might be available to address the issue.

“If it's not your problem today it will be your problem tomorrow,” Jackson added.

In South Carolina, APHIS traps and removes animals, netting over 1,600 since 2020. These trappings take place on private lands owned by those enrolled in the pilot program. Enrollment is voluntary, free, and those interested in more

information, assistance, or to sign up can contact their local NRCS office or Soil and Water Conservation District to sign up.

Trapping efforts will continue through Fall 2023 and likely beyond.



Producers like Jackson are optimistic about the program and working with the agencies.

“I appreciate what the researchers do, what the NRCS does, what the USDA has done because I think it's another step in the process to fix the problem; it’s a step in the right direction.”

WHIRLING DISEASE DETECTED IN SOUTH
CAROLINA TROUT FOR FIRST TIME

BY SCDNR

The S.C. Department of Natural Resources’ Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division, working with the Southeastern Fish Disease Cooperative at Auburn University, has documented the presence of whirling disease for the first time in four streams sampled recently in Pickens and Greenville counties.

This represents the first positive diagnosis of the whirling disease pathogen in South Carolina trout streams.

For more information on whirling disease in South Carolina, visit dnr.sc.gov/whirling.html.

First detected in the United States in 1958, whirling disease is found in more than 20 states, including North Carolina and Georgia. Whirling disease can cause 90 percent or greater mortality of young rainbow trout and can have serious impacts to wild and hatchery trout populations. The disease is caused by the microscopic parasite Myxobolus cerebralis, which damages cartilage and skeletal tissue in trout, causing diseased fish to swim in a “whirling” motion.

“While whirling disease is not harmful to humans, this disease has caused high trout mortalities in

hatchery systems and in wild trout, particularly in Western streams,” said Ross Self, S.C. Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) chief of freshwater fisheries. “There is no practical way to eliminate this pathogen. While the pathogen is now documented in South Carolina, it is positive news that it has not been observed to cause the classic disease symptoms here or seen to cause observable population declines. It appears rare that this pathogen manifests as full-on whirling disease in Southern Appalachian freestone streams, like we have in South Carolina.”

A recent fish health inspection at Walhalla State Fish Hatchery in Oconee County was negative for whirling disease and other new exotic pathogens.

SCDNR has conducted surveillance for exotic trout pathogens in wild trout populations and at Walhalla State Fish Hatchery for decades. Much of this work was conducted in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Wild Fish Health Project, operated out of their fish disease lab in Warm Springs, Ga. Since 2015, SCDNR has increased surveillance for whirling disease and other exotic pathogens in trout due to recent documented outbreaks of whirling disease and two

species of parasitic gill lice in nearby states. At this point, no parasitic gill lice have been documented in South Carolina trout.

Self said SCDNR fisheries biologists will be collecting additional trout samples for disease analysis in the upcoming 2022 Summer/Fall survey season.

Anglers are reminded to NOT stock or move trout around between bodies of water or release or dispose of them anywhere other than the location where they were caught. Anglers are also reminded to always disinfect waders and properly clean all equipment before leaving an area when fishing. Thoroughly dry equipment in the sun if possible before reuse. If anglers are traveling directly to other waters, they are asked to clean equipment with a 10 percent solution of chlorine bleach or use another set of equipment.

For more information on whirling disease, visit the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s website at invasivespeciesinfo.gov/aquatic/pathogens-and-diseases/whirling-disease.

CLEMSON WEB APPS CALCULATE SOIL PH TO HELP GROWERS INCREASE PROFITS, REDUCE COSTS

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Growers across the southern United States are planting spring crops and many have lime on their minds.

Lime is a very important soil amendment used to grow crops. To help ensure the correct amount is applied where it is needed most, the Clemson University Precision Agriculture Team has developed the Reverse Lime Rate Calculator.

This calculator, or web app, is useful for farmers as well as gardeners. It uses soil pH (acidity level), buffer pH and applied lime rate to provide an estimated soil pH. Kendall Kirk, a precision agriculture engineer who helped develop the calculator, said using this tool may be particularly useful this year in choosing where to place lime as supplies may be limited.

“Farmers expressed concerns this year that they may not be able to get enough lime to satisfy their needs,” Kirk said. “So, we developed this tool to calculate resulting soil pH as a function of the amount of lime applied. With input costs rising in 2022, we recognized the opportunity to also add value to our traditional lime rate calculator by adding lime cost calculations to allow growers to compare costs from different suppliers or across different products. Growers also can gain perspective of cost per acre for comparison to their other input costs.”

The Reverse Lime Rate Calculator evaluates resulting pH when recommended lime rates cannot be satisfied, such as when availability, time or field conditions are limiting. The developers call it a “Reverse” Lime Rate Calculator because it does not provide a lime recommendation; instead, it displays a resulting soil pH from a user-specified lime rate. Growers who need to know a recommended lime rate for a target soil pH can use the Lime Rate Calculator.

User inputs for the Reverse Lime Rate Calculator include soil pH and buffer pH from soil test results, mixing depth, lime rate and relative neutralizing value for lime source. Soil samples can be submitted to the Clemson Agricultural Service Laboratory for testing. Soil test fact sheets are available from the Clemson Home and Garden Information Center.

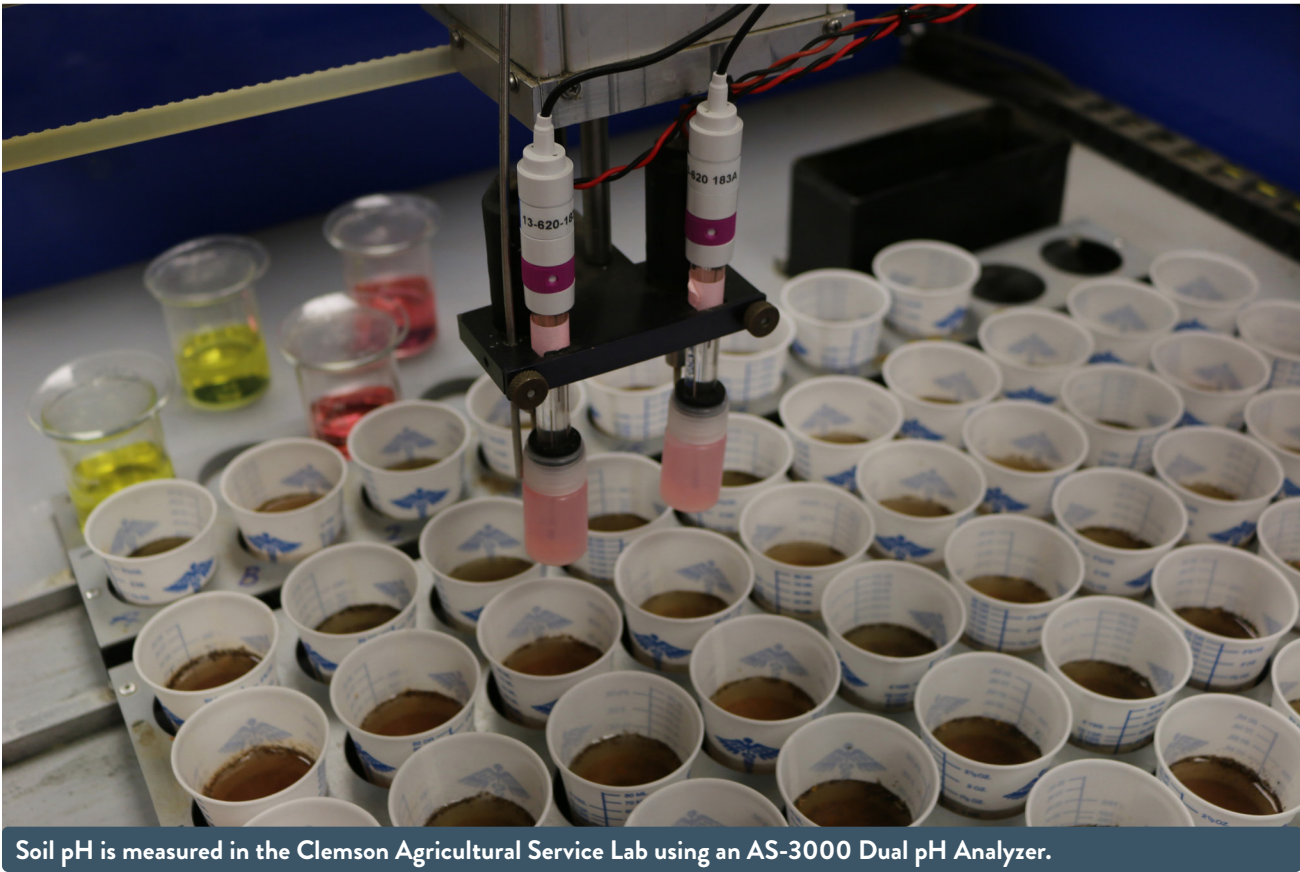
SOIL ACIDIFICATION CALCULATOR

Shortly after developing the Lime Rate Calculator, which is used for increasing soil pH, the researchers recognized the need for a tool to use for lowering soil pH for certain acid-loving crops, such as blueberries. The Soil Acidification Calculator was developed based on information provided by the Clemson Agricultural Service Laboratory. This tool was built from a table of recommended aluminum sulfate rates as a function of soil pH and desired soil pH from the Clemson Ag Service Lab.

“We built an equation around the data in this table, which is what is used by the calculator for determining outputs,” Kirk said.

The Reverse Lime Rate and Soil Acidification calculators, as well as other calculators and web apps developed by the Clemson Precision Agriculture Team can be found at bit.ly/CU-CalculatorsAndWebApps.

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Soil pH is measured in the Clemson Agricultural Service Lab using an AS-3000 Dual pH Analyzer.

SAVING TIME AND MONEY WHILE PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

Plant nutrient availability is directly related to soil pH. With the rising price of fertilizers this year, Clemson scientists say it is more critical than ever to get soil pH correct. When soil pH is too low or too high, it can lead to nutrient deficiency and sometimes toxicity. If a farmer or gardener applies fertilizer recommended in a lab report but doesn’t correct the soil pH, then a large percentage of his or her fertilizer investment may be wasted.

Shannon Alford, Clemson Agricultural Service Laboratory director, said applying the correct amount of lime is imperative to achieving target soil pH and making nutrients available to plants.

“Both of our Lime Rate Calculators allow farmers to consider the types of liming products and current costs to make the best selection for their needs,” Alford said. “These factors are important to consider in times when the supply chain is interrupted and costs are not stable.”

Tests are conducted in the laboratory using the Adams-Evans buffer method. The buffer is a solution that acts like fast-acting lime when incubated with a soil-water mixture. Lime recommendations are generated based on how much the pH of the soil-water mixture changes when the buffer is added. Clemson Agricultural Service Laboratory scientists use this method to determine lime requirements for each client’s specific soil sample.

Michael Plumblee, Clemson Cooperative Extension Service corn and soybean specialist, said using the Reverse Lime Rate Calculator (app) will save growers time and money.

“This app takes out the manual calculation part of determining liming rates,” Plumblee said. “It also allows for the ability to compare several rates rather fast compared to doing the math by hand. This app will help farmers save money by making sure that the appropriate rates of lime are being applied based on soil sample results. Putting a closer eye on all of our inputs and the rates we apply these inputs ultimately will help increase profits and reduce costs where applicable.”

Information provided will be beneficial for maximizing nutrient availability “especially in a year where every ounce counts,” he said.

“Using this app also will help ensure soils are limed to an appropriate pH so that plant-available nutrients can be maximized,” Plumblee said. “If we have soils at appropriate pH levels, we may be able to utilize nutrients that are currently in the soil rather than needing to add additional inputs to make up the difference to maximize yield. If we can better utilize what we have built up in the soil, we could see a reduction in the total amount of fertilizer applied in a single application or growing season.”

The Clemson Precision Agriculture Team is comprised of scientists dedicated to developing precision agriculture technologies such as software, sensors, UAVs, and robots designed to increase farming productivity and sustainability. The team is housed at the Edisto Research and Education Center in Blackville, South Carolina, which also will be the home of Clemson’s new Center for Agricultural Technology (CU-CAT).



Scan the QR code to access the web app calculators.

SILVOPASTURE, OR RAISING POULTRY IN THE WOODS

BY JEFF SIEWICKI, VITAL MISSION FARM | PHOTOS COURTESY JEFF SIEWICKI

Looking out over my overgrazed pasture one December, I realized something needed to change. Groups of meat birds and layers that typically have ample space and foraging during the growing season had decimated the landscape during the dormant period. I didn't like the look of exposed soil, or the compaction and loss of organic matter that I knew would inevitably follow. I had been employing a system of electrified netting for several years to maximize the square footage and foraging capabilities of my flocks. In addition to giving them more space, the netting system, electrified by a solar fence charger, gives me the ability to be very flexible in timing how often I move the birds and how much impact that I make on the land. However, due to the combination of fall turkeys, meat ducks, and layers, I quickly ran out of green space.

Eyeing the thick woodlot that bordered my pasture, I realized that it was currently less dense due to the colder weather. The woodlot is a stand of dominant 40-year-old Eastern Pine with a good deal of undergrowth and brush. I could easily run a fence line along the edge of my pasture just outside of the woods and then cut a few trails into the interior of the woods to make my rectangular paddocks. My paddocks typically

measure 100'x50' for my laying flock of ducks and I typically rotate them every three to four days. Without the summertime vines and brambles, cutting a 4-foot-wide path through the brush with a machete took little time at all. The real test was to see how the ducks would handle the woods.

As it turns out, my layers seemed to thrive under the protection of the canopy. They had shade and cover and were far less exposed to aerial predators. The lack of dominant grasses in the woodlot gave way

to different species of broadleaf plants and forages that the ducks seemed to take a liking to. There were also a considerable number of protein-rich insects to be found amongst the pine straw duff layer. Since my ducks do not use nest boxes, the moist soil was perfect for them to make their temporary nests in the leaf litter. I rotated them through the woodlot for about five weeks, giving the pasture time to recover until the weather began to warm up. This five-week break from the pasture was vital to allow our land time to recover and save what little soil structure was left.

I also experimented with broadcasting ryegrass and clover seed after the birds moved through the woods. In doing so, the birds disturb the organic layer, and allow good seed-to-soil contact that otherwise would have been impossible without their impact. I achieved surprisingly good germination rates under the forest canopy. Several

months later we returned to this area in the woods to allow the ducks to graze the crops I had planted earlier.

In the end, I learned several key lessons from this experiment. The first was that poultry do just fine in the woods — in fact, I would argue, perhaps better than an open pasture in terms of having additional cover and predator protection. I didn't use our mobile PVC shade shelters in the woods as it was unnecessary. It wasn't lost on me that the shade benefits of the tree canopy would be of even greater benefit in the hot summer. Second, since I do not use the classic "chicken tractor" system, the electrified netting allows me to take advantage of "unusable" and neglected regions of the farm. Think for a second of all the woodlots, windbreaks, orchards, stumps, ditches, or uneven ground that

make dragging a chicken tractor all but impossible that you can now turn into productive land use. This alone can dramatically impact your bottom line. Third, it is often recognized that silvopasture

Realizing the many benefits of silvopasture, we have since planted a number of saplings out in our pasture. Trees have the advantage of soaking up excess water and preventing flooded and mucky fields while also serving as a buffer against drought. The soil is cooler in the summer under the dappled shade of a tree, and gets ample sunlight in the winter after the leaves fall. Even if we never harvest any crops from our trees, the value of having them with the poultry is profound.

In our pasture we have planted pecans, blueberries, mulberries, chestnut, satsuma, pawpaw, fig, and persimmon. The plan was to use a shotgun approach to see which species survive and thrive in our climate without supplemental irrigation. I have lost a significant number of trees using this approach, but I feel this has been valuable information to narrow down the list to the species that are best suited to our area. So far, the blueberries and mulberries have excelled the most. I do plan to add some irrigation in the future just to use as needed during really dry weather. Currently, we plant the saplings and add several inches of mulch around them to keep the soil cool and moist and suppress any grass growth. We then take hardware cloth and make a ring to stake around the saplings to protect them from deer. This also allows our poultry to mow right up to the plants without damaging them. After a few years, when the trees get established, we remove the hardware cloth fencing.

As far as layout, I have been using a north-south orientation in clusters due to the narrow size of our pasture (100 feet across). A cluster consists of a dozen or so trees and shrubs. I arranged it this way to maximize exposure to the sun and also to leave ample space to move equipment around our narrow lanes. I have the largest growing species toward the north end, medium-sized trees in front of that, and smaller shrubs like blueberries on the sunnier southern side.

With land prices increasing and deforestation becoming an increasing threat to our climate health, new ways of growing food are more important now than ever before. I believe that practices such as growing poultry in the woods or silvopasture can have a tremendous positive impact on the nutritional value of our food, the health of our soil, and our environment.

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is the most productive agricultural system in terms of both production and carbon sequestration on a given piece of land. Silvopasture employs the use of trees, ground cover, and livestock. Imagine for a second we have widely spaced trees, which could be pecans, blueberries, or apples, and on the ground floor we grow grasses, grains, or veggies. Next, we allow our livestock to act as our lawnmowers, pest control, and fertilizers to graze under the tree canopy. Under this system, we are getting both the rapid growth/regeneration cycle of the grasses and the long-term carbon storage bank of the trees. In addition, I am now growing three or more food crops on the same piece of land that otherwise would have been just grass.

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